

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1-25 (Canceled)

26. (New) A method of managing an update of website content, the method comprising:

managing an abstraction layer that maps data for a plurality of content objects, each of which comprises one of a plurality of resource types, wherein the abstraction layer comprises a uniform structure for mapping the data for each of the plurality of content objects regardless of the corresponding resource type;

managing a set of object links that interfaces with the abstraction layer, wherein each object link comprises a source content object, a target content object, and one of a plurality of object link types;

receiving a modification of data for the source content object for a source website;

obtaining an object link for the source content object from the set of object links;

determining the target content object based on the object link; and

updating data for the target content object based on the modified data for the source content object and the object link type for the object link.

27. (New) The method of claim 26, wherein the object link type comprises a copy link and wherein the updating step includes:

ensuring that a resource type for the source content object and a resource type for the target content object are the same; and

copying the data from the source content object to the target content object based on the resource type.

28. (New) The method of claim 26, wherein the object link type comprises a translate link and wherein the updating step includes:

obtaining a translation definition based on the object link;

obtaining a set of workflow sequence entries based on the translation definition; and

performing each workflow sequence entry in the set of workflow sequence entries in a required order.

29. (New) The method of claim 28, wherein the performing step for one of the set of workflow sequence entries includes:

sending a notification of a required translation step to a user; and

receiving confirmation that the required translation step has been completed.

30. (New) The method of claim 26, further comprising:

obtaining a second object link from the set of object links for the target content object;

determining a second target content object based on the second object link; and

updating data for the second target content object based on the updated data for the target content object and an object link type for the second object link.

31. (New) The method of claim 26, wherein the updating step comprises:
- translating the modified data from a first idiom to a second idiom; and
 - storing the translated modified data as the data for the target content object.
32. (New) The method of claim 31, wherein the first idiom comprises a first language and the second idiom comprises a second language different from the first language.
33. (New) The method of claim 31, wherein the translating step includes converting the modified data from a first data encoding to a second data encoding.
34. (New) The method of claim 26, further comprising generating the object link for the source content object.
35. (New) The method of claim 34, further comprising generating the target content object based on the source content object and the object link, wherein the target content object inherits at least one property from the source content object.
36. (New) The method of claim 34, wherein the generating step includes:
- obtaining a project link for a source project that includes the source content object;
 - obtaining a target project based on the project link;
 - generating the target content object as part of the target project; and
 - generating the object link between the source content object and the target content object.

37. (New) The method of claim 36, wherein the generating the object link step includes:

obtaining a project link type for the project link; and

inheriting the object link type for the object link from the project link type for the project link.

38. (New) A system for managing website content, the system comprising:

means for managing an abstraction layer that maps data for a plurality of content objects, each of which comprises one of a plurality of resource types, wherein the abstraction layer comprises a uniform structure for mapping the data for each of the plurality of content objects regardless of the corresponding resource type

means for managing a set of object links, wherein each object link comprises a source content object, a target content object, and one of a plurality of object link types;

means for receiving a modification of data for the source content object for a source website;

means for obtaining an object link for the source content object from the set of object links;

means for determining the target content object based on the object link; and

means for updating data for the target content object based on the modified data for the source content object and the object link type for the object link.

39. (New) The system of claim 38, further comprising means for managing a set of projects, wherein each project comprises a set of content objects for a website.

40. (New) The system of claim 39, further comprising means for managing a set of project links, wherein each project link defines an update relationship between a source project and a target project and wherein each project link comprises one of a plurality of project link types.

41. (New) The system of claim 38, wherein the means for managing the set of object links further generates the object link for the source content object and generates the target content object based on the source content object and the object link, wherein the target content object inherits at least one property from the source content object.

42. (New) The system of claim 38, further comprising means for managing a set of content objects, wherein the set of content objects includes the source content object and the target content object.

43. (New) The system of claim 38, wherein one of the plurality of object link types comprises a translation link type, the system further comprising means for managing a workflow for the translation, wherein the workflow comprises a plurality of workflow sequence entries and wherein each workflow sequence entry defines a required translation step.

44. (New) The system of claim 43, wherein at least one of the required translation steps comprises sending a notification of a required translation step to a user and waiting to receive confirmation that the required translation step has been completed.

45. (New) A system for managing website content, the system comprising:

means for managing a set of projects, wherein each project comprises a set of content objects for a website;

means for managing a set of project links, wherein each project link defines an update relationship between a source project and a target project and wherein each project link comprises one of a plurality of project link types;

means for managing a set of object links, wherein each object link defines an update relationship between a source content object in the source project and a target content object in the target project and wherein each object link comprises one of a plurality of object link types;

means for creating a new source content object to a set of source content objects for the source project;

means for automatically generating a new target content object in a set of target content objects for the target project based on one of the set of project links; and

means for automatically generating a new object link based on the one of the set of project links, the new source content object, and the new target content object.

46. (New) The system of claim 45, further comprising:

means for receiving a modification of data for the source content object; and

means for updating data for the target content object based on the modified data for the source content object and the object link type for the object link.

47. (New) The system of claim 46, wherein the means for updating includes means for translating the modified data from a first idiom to a second idiom when the object link type comprises a translate link.

48. (New) The system of claim 46, wherein the means for updating includes means for copying the modified data to the data for the source content object when the object link type comprises a copy link.

49. (New) The system of claim 45, wherein at least one of the set of projects comprises a target project for a first project link in the set of project links and a source project for a second project link in the set of project links and wherein the automatically generating means recursively generate new target content objects and object links.

50. (New) The system of claim 45, further comprising means for managing an abstraction layer that maps data for a plurality of content objects, each of which has one of a plurality of resource types, wherein the abstraction layer comprises a uniform structure for mapping the data for each of the plurality of content objects regardless of the corresponding resource type